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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Special Operations
Assistant Director for Policy Coordination

SUBJECT: 1950 Census, Security Aspects of

1. The 1950 Census will begin on 1 April 1950. The questionnaire which Census enumerators will use in eliciting information concerning individual citizens has been reviewed with officials of the Bureau of the Census. From this review it was determined that security consideration would have to be given to the answers furnished under three items which concern employment. The questions and appropriate answers are as follows for overt employees:

- (1) Q. "Class of Worker" i.e. private employer, employed by government or in own business.
 - A. The employer will be stated as "U.S. Government".
- (2) Q. "What Kind of Work was he Doing?" i.e. farmer, chemistry professor, etc.
 - A. An appropriate broad category will be given such as Administrator, Executive, Cartographer, Stenographer, Secretary, Clerk, Analyst, Researcher, etc.
- (3) Q. "What Kind of Business or Industry was he Working in?" i.e. shoe factory, state university, etc.
 - A. In replying to this question the statement will be made that the individual is doing intelligence work. For the most part, it is not believed that Census enumerators will wish to develop more information than this. However, if the name of the employing government agency or department is requested it will be permissible to state "Central Intelligence Agency".


4. Census enumerators will gather information largely during normal working hours. Therefore, it will be the duty of each CIA employee to

brief his spouse, parents, landlord, etc., concerning the answers to be given in reply to the above questions.

5. As a matter of general interest the Deputy Director of the Census has informally stated that Census reports are held in a confidential status and are not available for public examination. In addition, the use of these reports within the Government is restricted and the reports are not available for purposes of taxation, investigation, or regulation.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

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